CHAPTER NO. 644

HOUSE BILL NO. 958

By Representative Tidwell

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 767

By Senator Springer

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-2-206, relative to wholesale fish dealer and wholesale mussel dealer licenses.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

- SECTION 1. Subsection (a) of Section 70-2-206 of the Tennessee Code Annotated is amended by deleting the first sentence and by substituting instead, the following new sentence:
- (a) Before any person, firm or corporation engages in the business of a "wholesale fish dealer" or a "wholesale mussel dealer" as defined in this subsection, such person, firm or corporation shall possess the appropriate license.
- SECTION 2. Subdivision (3) of Subsection (a) of Section 70-2-206 is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety and by substituting instead the following new subdivision:
- (3) "Wholesale fish dealer" means any person in the business of buying from a commercial fisher, fish or other edible aquatic life, or parts thereof, or products taken from the waters of the State of Tennessee for the purpose of canning, preserving or processing; or buying from a wholesale fish dealer for the purpose of selling or handling for shipment or sale. Excluded from this definition are restaurants, hotels and grocery stores. Also excluded are retail fish markets, and other businesses, which do not buy directly from a commercial fisher and which sell directly to the general public. Each separate place of business shall require a separate license.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: April 3, 2000

DIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JOHN S. WILDER SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 10th day of April 2000